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§ 253.25 What financial test procedures must I use to determine the amount of self-insurance allowed as OSFR evidence based on net worth?

- (a) Divide the total amount of the stockholders'/owners' equity listed on the balance sheet by ten.
- (b) Divide the net amount of the identifiable U.S. assets by the net amount of the identifiable total assets.
- (c) Multiply the net amount of plant, property, and equipment shown on the balance sheet by the number calculated under paragraph (b) of this section and divide the resultant product by ten.
- (d) The smaller of the numbers calculated under paragraphs (a) or (c) of this section is the maximum allowable amount you may use to demonstrate OSFR under this method.

§ 253.26 What information must I submit to support my unencumbered assets demonstration?

You must support your unencumbered assets evaluation with the information required by §253.23(a) and a list of reserved, unencumbered, and unimpaired U.S. assets whose value will not be affected by an oil discharge from a COF. The assets must be plant, property, or equipment held for use. You must submit a letter signed by your treasurer:

- (a) Identifying which assets are reserved:
- (b) Certifying that the assets are unencumbered, including contingent encumbrances:
- (c) Promising that the identified assets will not be sold, subjected to a security interest, or otherwise encumbered throughout the specified fiscal year; and
 - (d) Specifying:
- (1) The State or the country of incorporation;
- (2) The total amount of the stock-holders'/owners' equity listed on the balance sheet;
- (3) The identification and location of the reserved U.S. assets; and
- (4) The value of the reserved U.S. assets less accumulated depreciation and amortization, using the same valuation method used in your audited annual financial statement and expressed in U.S. dollars. The net value of the reserved assets must be at least two

times the self-insurance amount requested for demonstration.

§ 253.27 When I submit audited annual financial statements to verify my unencumbered assets, what standards must they meet?

Any audited annual financial statements that you submit must:

- (a) Meet the standards in §253.24; and (b) Include a certification by the independent accountant who audited the financial statements that states:
- (1) The value of the unencumbered assets is reasonable and uses the same valuation method used in your audited annual financial statements;
- (2) Any existing encumbrances are noted:
- (3) The assets are long-term assets held for use; and
- (4) The valuation method used in the audited annual financial statements is for long-term assets held for use.

§ 253.28 What financial test procedures must I use to evaluate the amount of self-insurance allowed as OSFR evidence based on unencumbered assets?

- (a) Divide the total amount of the stockholders'/owners' equity listed on the balance sheet by 4.
- (b) Divide the value of the unencumbered U.S. assets by 2.
- (c) The smaller number calculated under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section is the maximum allowable amount you may use to demonstrate OSFR under this method.

§ 253.29 How can I use insurance as OSFR evidence?

- (a) If you use insurance to satisfy all or part of your obligation to demonstrate OSFR, you may use only insurance certificates issued by insurers that have achieved a "Secure" rating for claims paying ability in their latest review by A.M. Best's Insurance Reports, Standard & Poor's Insurance Rating Services, or other equivalent rating made by a rating service acceptable to MMS.
- (b) You must submit information about your insurers to MMS on a completed and unaltered Form MMS-1019. The information you submit must:
- (1) Include all the information required by §253.41 and